

 Check the bulletin board in the Narthex when you see a pushpin next to an announcement.

Flowers on the Altar this morning are given by:

- ✝ Bill and Shirley Walther, to the Glory of God!
- ✝ Nicholas Toney, In honor of his 20th birthday. Happy birthday Nicholas!



Connect

Come before Sunday service at 9 am for a time of prayer and preparation for worship with Pastor Gilson. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

The members of St. Mark are welcome to join the Adult Choir as they go caroling this Saturday, December 16th from 2-4 pm at two of our local nursing homes. This will be followed by a soup supper for a time of fellowship. Please contact Alisha at 989-708-4851 if you would like to make a soup for the event.



Men's Supper Club will not meet this month. They look forward to gathering again in January.

Grow

Thursday morning Bible study is studying the book of Genesis. Come and grow in God's word Thursdays at 10:30 am.

Women's Bible Study meets every Monday at 3 pm. A study of the book of Luke will continue. Please join us!

Serve

The St. Mark "Mitten Tree Program" will be running through next Sunday, December 16.

The date for painting at Muskegon Middle School is Friday, December 21st. We're looking for a few volunteers to assist. Please see Scott if painting is in your skill set of talents.

Hosts are needed for Coffee Connection during the months of December and January.

Advent Devotionals are hot off the press and located in the narthex. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend or neighbor. We hope this devotional will enhance your Advent season of preparation and anticipation of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

You are invited to Trinity's 18th annual FREE indoor Christmas Nativity Walk. Come experience what it would have been like to witness the first Christmas! 50 minute tours take you to eight scenes portrayed by actors. Come Friday and Saturday December 14th and 15th between 6 & 8:45 pm / Sunday December 16th between 2 & 4 pm. (3225 Roosevelt Rd.)

Children's Ministries

Middle School Students let Scott know if you are in for a Lock In at Trinity, Conklin on January 19th from 8:30 pm to 5:15 am. Students need to sign up before December 22nd. More details in the flyer on the church bulletin board. Come connect with students across West Michigan. If you are a student reading this, please tell Mr. Faith your favorite superhero and receive a treat.

All children ages 3-17 are welcome to participate in our yearly Christmas Program. The program will take place during Sunday worship on **December 16th at 9:30 am.** There is rehearsal today. **We will have a dress rehearsal this Saturday, December 15th at 11 am.**



December 9, 2018	Worship		December 16, 2018	Holy Communion	
USHERS:	Tom Piper	Nick Piper	USHERS:	Ron Micka	Steve Burmeister
GREETERS:	Hladki Family		GREETERS:	Sharon Johnson	
ELDERS:	Tom Peeples		ELDER:	Tom Peeples	Marsh Lohr
READER:	Kelli Piper		READER:		
RECORDING SECRETARIES:	Jim Sikkenga	Kay Sikkenga	RECORDING SECRETARIES:	Ken Stewart	Joyce Stewart
NURSERY:	Hamdorf Family		NURSERY:	Sandy Hosko	
ALTAR CARE:	Marcia Carlson	Colleen Adkins	ALTAR CARE:	Marcia Carlson	Colleen Adkins
SOUND TECHNICIAN:	Jane Bednarz		SOUND TECHNICIAN:	Jane Bednarz	

ADVENT SERVERS

December 12 Usher- Gerry VanOeffelen
Elder- Marsh Lohr

December 19 Usher- Joe Nemeth
Elder- Ed Leatzow



This week at St. Mark

Sunday	9 am	Pray with Pastor
	9:30 am	Worship/Children's Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Connection / Children's Rehearsal
	10:45 am	Adult Bible Class/Confirmation Class
Monday	3 pm	PIYO
	All Day	Office Closed
Tuesday	3 pm	Women's Bible Study
	11 am	Fellowship Hall in use
Wednesday	1 pm	Card Party
	5 pm	WOW
	6 pm	Choir Practice
	7 pm	Advent Service
Thursday	10:30 am	Adult Bible Study
Saturday		NO Saturday service during the month of December
Sunday	9 am	Pray with Pastor
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Connection
	10:45 am	Adult Bible Class
	3 pm	PIYO

Stewardship of God's Gifts to Us

Attendance last weekend	129
2018-2019 fiscal year budget offerings needed	\$ 310,700.00
Anticipated offerings	\$ 137,425.00
Actual offerings	\$ 139,046.00
Anticipated weekly needs	\$ 5,975.00
Our response this past week	\$ 15,891.00

Holiday Services

Advent Services - Wednesday nights at 7 pm

December 12, 19

Christmas Eve - 7 pm

Christmas Day 10 am

Join us this Wednesday, December 12th for a visit from Joseph

Ladies Guild Christmas Party

All women are invited to the annual Ladies Guild Christmas Party This Thursday, December 13th at 6 pm.

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert for the party along with a dozen cookies to be gifted to our shut-ins. Please sign up in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you there.



Thank you Walther's for hosting!

THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. PLEASE JOIN US FOR ADVENT SERVICES WEDNESDAY'S AT 7 pm.

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